

REMARKS

Claims 1-54 are pending in the application. Claims 31 and 43 are amended. Claims 1-30, 32-42, and 44-53 have been canceled. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that Claims 31 and 43 include allowable subject matter and that Claim 54 is allowed.

Allowable original Claim 31 is amended into independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims with minor amendments. Accordingly, newly-independent Claim 31 is allowable.

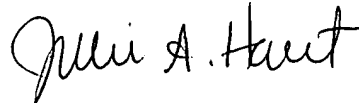
Allowable original Claim 43 is amended into independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims with minor amendments. Accordingly, newly-independent Claim 43 is allowable.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection and reserve the right to re-present Claims 31 and 43, in their unamended form and Claims 1-30, 32-42, and 44-53 and to address the Examiner's rejection in detail in a continuation application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Amendment and allowance of the application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,



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